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Sir:

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RELEVANCE

Documents A02-A13 came to the Applicants' attention during a search of the corresponding international application. A copy of the International Search Report setting forth the portion of each reference considered relevant by the examiner is attached.

An English language translation of documents A01-A13 are not readily available; however, the absence of such translation does not relieve the PTO from its duty to consider the submitted document (37 CFR §1.98 and MPEP §609). A copy of the English abstract for documents A01-A13 are attached.

TIMING/FEE

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed in compliance with 37 CFR §1.97(b) prior to the mailing date of the first Office Action. Therefore, Applicants believe that no fee is required at this time. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-1641.

Applicants respectfully request that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO/SB/08A be returned in accordance with M.P.E.P. §609.

Respectfully submitted,

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